REVISED STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION
Bethel Lighthouse High School (now 501c3)
Formerly Midland Extension High School
5716 Germantown Rd, Midland, VA. 22728

Special Exception Application

October 29, 2008

1. This is a Special Exception 5 for educational use. The use of proposed facility is to accommodate the needs of our rapidly growing community and to educate men and women to become true role model statesmen and women. That means they will be educated in every area of their lives as well as intellectual learning. This includes personal relationships and developing leaders.

2. The hours of operation will be from 7:00 A. M. to 3:00 P.M. After school activities and weekends may take place for practice of sports, games, arts, performances, and other school related functions. This would be after 3:00 P.M. with the functions concluding by 9:00 P.M. This gives time to cleanup, lock doors and premises vacated by 10:00 P.M. All light would be off except any required security lights. The Parking lot lights will be shaded from the road and the neighbors.
    Since we are tax exempt there could be a fund raising event twice a year. Friday nights the gym could be open for the youth in the community so they have somewhere to go preventing getting into trouble elsewhere. Adults would closely monitor this. On weekends it is feasible that the students may want to come for Bible studies, heard youth speakers, have a young peoples rally, science or singing contests and times to congregate for prayer. The school would be in operation eleven months of the years with August suspended.

3. We estimate 200 patrons a day since the septic has been approved by the Ray Freeland Engineering to accommodate that number.

4. The estimated number of students is 180. There will be 14 teachers, a Principal, guidance counselor, custodian, secretary and two teacher assistants. This brings the total to 200. Since there is never 100 percent capacity in a day this will leave room for possibly one or two volunteers. In the beginning the enrollment would be about half this number of students and the same for the classroom teachers. The enrollment is expected to increase about 10% each year.

5. Bethel Lighthouse High School will be a member of the Association of Christian School International, member of the Virginia Council for Private Education and strictly abides by the governing policies and regulations of each institution. These include annual fire and safety and health inspections, staff criminal history and department of Child Protective Service checks, water testing, and staff ratio requirements.

6. Based on the current enrollment the teachers and staff of 20 would arrive prior to 7:00 A.M. The 90 Freshmen and Sophomore would be dropped off and the remaining 90 students could be driving if they have license. This is the maximum amount as some will be car-pooled which will be strongly encouraged. These hours would be from 7:30 – 8:00 A.M. Students that drive and leave early afternoon for work or parents may choose to take their children home at 1:00 P.M. The remaining flow of traffic will take place from 3:00 -4:00 P.M. There will be an occasional delivery vehicle, volunteer, parents or visitors car. There will be no large school buses. We suggest the speed limit be reduced to 45 MPH like it is on other roads near us.

7. The Bethel Lighthouse school will serve anyone around that wishes to attend a Christian High School.

8. It is important that all buildings present themselves as welcoming to children and be appropriate to the residential community. The existing block structured building has been studied by a Structural Engineer and is extremely well built. It will be extended on the front right side to within 100 feet of the boundary line. The existing building is already two stories and each section added will also be two stories. This will join with the small existing building in the back.

9. This High School will be steadfast in its compliance with all county, Commonwealth and national educational guidelines as they align with its mission .